



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic event a family and a community can experience, and is occurring at a national rate of over 30,000 suicides annually which makes this the fastest growing killer of youth today; and

WHEREAS, suicide kills youth 3 to 6 times more than homicide; and

WHEREAS, research shows that almost all youth suicides are preventable; and

WHEREAS, the issue of suicide and how to prevent it is of extreme importance and must be recognized as an immediate need for awareness and prevention; and

WHEREAS, heightened community awareness will encourage development of strategies to address depression and mental health issues and to prevent suicides; and

WHEREAS, the Yellow Ribbon is rapidly becoming recognized internationally as the symbol for the awareness and prevention of suicide with it being used by suicide prevention groups, crisis centers, schools, churches, youth centers/hospitals, counselors, teachers, parents and especially youth themselves;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim September 18th through 24th 2005, to be

**YELLOW RIBBON SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION
WEEK**

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this first day of September in the year of our Lord two-thousand and five and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirtieth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred sixteenth.

A handwritten signature of Dirk Kempthorne in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature of Ben Isukua in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

BEN ISUKUA
SECRETARY OF STATE